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Presenting "The Odd Couple"

Edward Bove

The Drama Club has begun preparations for their first play of the year. They will be performing Neil Simon's classic, *The Odd Couple*. The presentation is based on the original Broadway play. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday, December 3 and 4, and on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, at 8 P.M.

The play is being produced by Brother John Pavin with the assistance of Sister Ann Gray. "I think the play will be successful," said Brother John. "A lot of them (the students) have watched *The Odd Couple* on T.V. They'd probably like to see the original play."

Sister Ann stated, "It has definite humorous appeal. It was a popular serial on T.V. Also, it can evoke good audience response."

Brother added that the actors and actresses are very excited about the play. They are not worried about it, but they'll naturally be a little nervous on the nights of the performance. Most of them have had experiences in acting before in high school and elementary school.

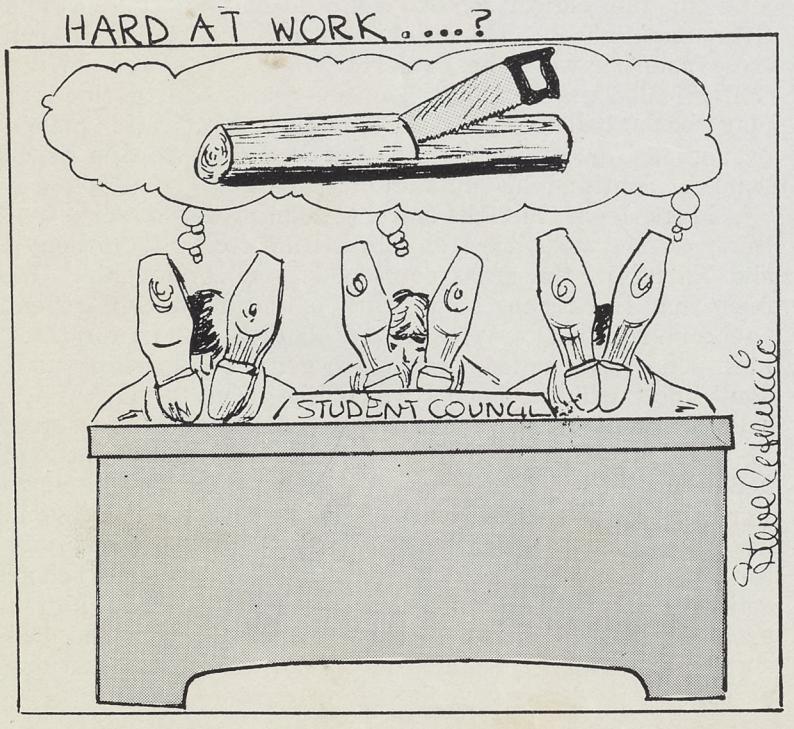
Brother John is the real backbone of all this. He organized everything and is making it run along smoothly. Brother is a graduate of both C.C.N.Y. and N.Y.U. Before being transferred to Bishop Ford this year, he had been stationed in Oyster Bay and Bay Ridge. He was also at St. Bridget's in Ridgewood prior to this year. He has had some experience with drama clubs in St. Bridget's.

Sister Ann is giving a hand with the direction and technical aspects of the play. She attended Laval University, St. John's, and Hunter University. She majored in Theater Arts. She was previously stationed at Christ the King. She was involved with the Drama Club there for a number of years. Sister Ann began late working on this play because until recently she was busy on the production staff of the play, *Finian's Rainbow,* for the Catholic Charities Theater Guild.

After this play is finished, Brother John hopes to be starting a workshop in acting. It would probably start some time in January for anyone interested in acting. No extra credit will be involved in this. Perhaps some future plays will evolve from the work they do there.

Also, some type of children's play may be put on in the spring. But nothing about this is definite.

Some plays of the past which were performed in the old Bishop Ford High School were *Don't Drink the Water* and *Child's Play,* among many others. Now, to start off our brand new school, we have The *Odd Couple*. Be sure to see it.

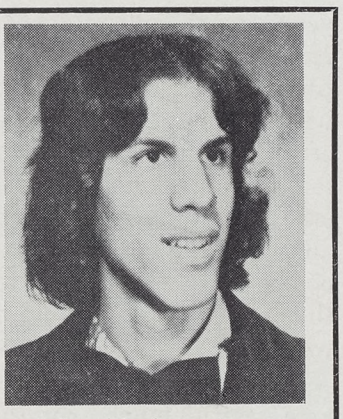


Foreign Exchange Program

Edward Bove

There is a possibility that Bishop Ford will have a student exchange program with a high school in Puerto Rico. The school which Ford has in mind to deal with is Colegio San Jose in San German, Puerto Rico. No preparations have been made yet. The idea is still in the planning stage. Colegio San Jose is a bit uncertain of their position at this time. Also, there are many factors which must be considered to carry out an exchange of this tremendous nature.

Mr. Fernandez who is behind this massive operation, explained the ins and outs of it to me. It seems that the other school is unsure whether or not they wish to send students here. But they are ready to accept our students. That is the basic uncertainty at this point.



It is with deepest sorrow that the Editors and Staff of *Highpoint* note the passing this semester of Raymond Colletti, a graduate of the class of 1975 of Bishop Ford High School. Raymond was among us recently enough to be fondly recalled by the present junior and senior classes, and by many of the present faculty. It is in the true spirit of community that we, Raymond's friends and schoolmates, dedicate this, the second issue of *Highpoint,* to his memory.

Back To Nature

Gino Mattera

The Backpackers Club, which is moderated by Brother Edward Sullivan, is a unique organization whose main purpose is to take a weekend when transportation is available and return to nature for hikes, attempts at fishing, and camping.

Brother Edward commented, "The entire idea is to relate to nature."

Anyone interested in joining the Backpackers should see Brother Edward.

Zavardino Conquers Competition

Brother Alphonsus OSF, Frank Caputo, Anthony Stucchio, Nicholas Zavardino, Gino Mattera, Sister Colleen Colbert.

Anthony A. Gallotto

Nicholas Zavardino, a senior at Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School was announced as the winner of the school competition in the Century III Leadership Scholarship Contest. The runners-up included Frank Caputo, Michael Fragale, Gino Mattera, Anthony Stucchio, and Thomas Walsh.

Nicholas Zavardino hails from Saint Agatha's parish in the Sunset Park section of Brooklyn. An accomplished writer of short stories and poems, Nicholas is the Editorial Editor of Ford's school newspaper *Highpoint.* He has hopes of studying medieval literature and history in college.

Nicholas' essay, the purpose of which was to define some outstanding problems of national concern and to develop solutions to them, has been forwarded to Albany where it will compete in the state competition.

If Nicholas is among the two state winners he will receive a $1,000 scholarship and an all expense paid trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, for a four day national meeting. In Williamsburg nine national runners-up will be selected to receive $500 awards and the winner will receive an additional $10,000 award.

Four Ford Students Make T. V. Debut

Robert Suttile, Paul Soffing, Nick D'Elia, and Gerard Kameran will be making their television debut in *The Snow Goose,* the television production of Paul Gallico's play which will be presented on Channel 31. The airing date has not been set.

Robert Suttile, who is now working with the Drama Club in their production of *The Odd Couple,* will play the role of the host in *The Snow Goose.* Robert has hopes of making acting his profession, and stated, "I enjoy acting and playing different roles, but most of all I enjoy making people laugh."

Nick D'Elia will be playing Felix in *The Odd Couple* and will play Philip Rayader in *The Snow Goose.* Nick has had much experience in acting with the Drama Club for three years, and in educational television.

Gerard Kameran, who will appear as Speed in *The Odd Couple,* has landed a dual role in *The Snow Goose* as a retired naval officer and a bartender. Gerard Kameran's Brother worked with Brother John Pavin for five years before Brother came to Ford.

Paul Soffing has had much experience before and behind the camera with minor roles in other high school productions and filming basketball games. In *The Snow Goose* Paul will play a dual role as a soldier and as a man in a bar.

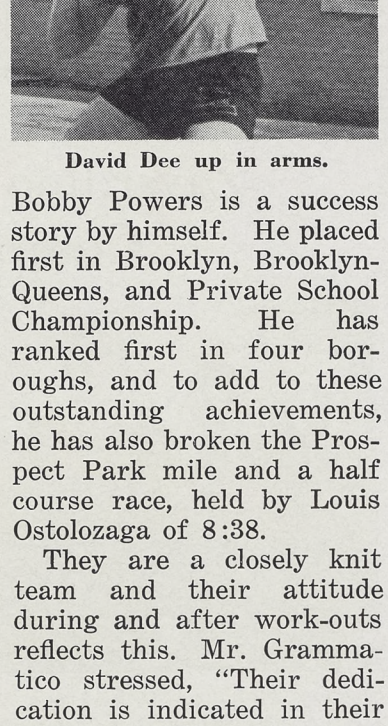
Freshman Track Champs

Michael Grecco

On Saturday, November 6th, the freshman track team brought Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School its first city championship. The team, consisting of Bobby Powers, Mark Purpura, Tom Carney, Joe Casertano, Tom Anicito, John Selvaggio, Peter De Carlo, and Peter Rielly, Patrick Dugan, Richard Ferraro, Steve Truex, and Louis Diorio, have given their time and effort to become the most successful team in the city.

This same team finished first in six consecutive meets at Manhattan College, Marist College, Fordham University relays, Brooklyn relays, Brooklyn-Queens, and Private School Championships. Their winning results and long hours of practice typified the entire cross country season, but the team's effort and strength was fully brought into focus on November 6th when they ran in one of the most prestigious meets of the season.

Bobby Powers, Mark Purpora, Tom Carney and Joe Casertano have had a great influence on the performance of the freshman track team. They possess both a leadership quality and an outstanding athletic ability.



David Dee up in arms.

Bobby Powers is a success story by himself. He placed first in Brooklyn, Brooklyn-Queens, and Private School Championship. He has ranked first in four boroughs, and to add to these outstanding achievements, he has also broken the Prospect Park mile and a half course race, held by Louis Ostolozaga of 8:38.

They are a closely knit team and their attitude during and after work-outs reflects this. Mr. Grammatico stressed, "Their dedication is indicated in their workouts. They take each workout as a track meet."

Mr. Grammatico enjoys coaching and finds satisfaction in knowing that he has helped the boys become better athletes.

Season's Greetings

Swimming Team: Determined

John Ferro

Ford's Varsity Swimming Team, after winning the Division II Championship of the Tri-County Catholic H.S. Swimming League last year, is looking for another successful season. The team is young with a good future.

Although the mermen lost a few tough swimmers, the team still admires senior Danny Curtain (school record holder for the 100 yd. breast stroke), Mike Mulligan, diver Ron Ceraso, and junior Steve Cronin.

The Varsity season runs from November to February. The team practices four days a week in the morning before school. With the guidance and skills of Mr. McQuade, the team practices with much zeal to recapture the Division II Championship.

The Freshman team is still in the developing stages. The team is in need of people to swim or dive. If anybody is interested in joining, he should see Mr. McQuade in the English Dept. office any day after school.

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Tennis Rackets

John Cozzi

The tennis team of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School, which has not received as much publicity as the major sports teams, is one of the more consistent and exciting teams on the school's agenda. It has won championships in each of the last two years and it is full of talented future professional hopefuls.

This year's team is comprised of nine varsity players, approximately ten to fifteen varsity junior members, and a freshman squad of forty. The number one player on the varsity is the fantastic Eddie Raheb whose great speed and agility have positioned him as one of the most exciting players this school has seen since the graduation of Bob Myerson. The other varsity members are Joe Cosenza, Danny Petruccio, Steve Pisciotti, Joe O'Boyle, Anthony Zolfo, Joe Carbonaro, John Spicijaric and Joe Ienuzo. The future varsity players and very impressive members of the junior varsity team are Dom Cristallo, Tom Ligotti, Robert Cataldo, Anthony Giobbi and Michael Grecco.

When asked about this year's team and its chances, Mr. Habib, a health and physical education teacher who spends much time moderating and coaching the tennis team stated, "This is our rebuilding year, but I am very high on the team because they are very enthusiastic and ready to work."

The practices are extensive, with much running; the team has to be in top physical condition to expect a chance at the city title. Mr. Habib commented, "They have to work extremely hard to get what they get. They are very dedicated and they practice after school and on the weekends. They are buckling down more than ever."

The tennis season begins in the spring, but with a couple of tournaments out of the season. The first tournament will be in late December. In February Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School will host our first Invitational Tournament. All of the members will participate in the tournaments. "It is vital that they all participate to get the feel of a tournament."

The tennis team is a strong willed, determined group of talented students that obviously will succeed.

Cross Country: Speed and Agility

From right to left in the front row: Robert Campolo, Peter Caufield, Joe Pastore. Top row: Mr. Fernandez, Jim Fonti, Bill Mackay, Victor Vientos, George Hernandez.

Matt Cole and Ed Giltenan

The Bishop Ford Central Catholic cross country team has started the '76 season in a winning fashion by turning in outstanding performances in five prestigious invitational meets. The team, under the leadership of Mr. Fernandez, the new coach, has got better and better with each meet and is expected to be among the top teams in the city.

The varsity this year is made up of seniors Charlie Powers and Matt Cole, juniors Ken Martinucci and Seamus Sullivan, and sophomores Bill Mackay and Victor Vientos. All of these people have been working together as a group of dedicated runners, and that is what is going to put them among the best.

The cross country has also been running well on the j.v. level. Excellent performances have been turned in by Steve Arce, Brian MacDonald, Tom Crowley, George Hernandez, Edward Giltenan, Matt Layden, Manny Vasquez, Pete Caufield, Joe Pastore and Anthony DeVito. All of these runners have been working very hard. It is the j.v. that makes the varsity run well. Other j.v. members include Brian Conneally, Tom Kehoe, Tony Procino, Bob Campolo, Jim Fonti, Warren Puse, John Zciernue, and John Demeter.

Special thanks should go to Jim Allen, John Demeter, and Joe Delosa who have been managing the team in their winning ways.

Sportlight: Bill Mackay

Michael Grecco

By now I'm sure every student has heard the name Bill Mackay mentioned at one time or another. Bill (or "Mack" as he is called by the student body) was one of the many highlights of the great Freshman Track Team of the past year, and continues to be, this year running for the varsity team. Last year alone the quiet, hard-working star earned 50 awards and was praised throughout the school for his accomplishments. Bill started running in the eighth grade while attending Holy Name Grammar School. He enjoyed track, so decided to run cross country when he came to Ford. Although he did fantastically in the cross country season, he decided to play basketball for the Freshman team. He played basketball for a short time, but returned to the track team to continue his outstanding year.

Mack feels that the varsity team will do very well this year, but will face stiff competition from St. Anthony's and Farrel in the cross country city championship. He feels that if he runs to his full potential he will repeat another great year. When asked about his plans for after high school he replied, "I hope to get a scholarship, but I don't know which college I would like to go to yet." When asked if he participates in other activities, Mack answered, "I tried intramurals, but track takes too much time and dedication." Bill also stressed that when he first came to Ford there was a great deal of school spirit, but it has gone down the past year, and he feels it should be mandatory for every student to participate in at least one school activity. Dedication and hard work have made him a great athlete. His character is summed up in the last statement he made to me: "It's a team effort, not just one person."

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